

-We would like to invite all individuals, organisations and institutions that follow policy debate in the field of employment and social affairs, as well as those involved in the national and EU policy formulation or implementation, **to contribute to the performance monitoring and to the mid-term evaluation of the European Union Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI)** by participating in this **Stakeholder Survey 2017**.

The Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) 2014-2020 is a European-level financing instrument to promote a high level of quality and sustainable employment, adequate and decent social protection, combat social exclusion and poverty and improve working conditions.

EaSI is structured around three axes; it supports:

- the modernisation of policies and legislation in the areas of employment, social protection & social inclusion and working conditions with the PROGRESS axis (61% of the total budget);
- job mobility with the EURES axis (18% of the total budget);
- access to micro-finance and social entrepreneurship with the Microfinance and Social Entrepreneurship axis (21% of the total budget).

EaSI programme is committed to results-based management, which involves the continuous measurement of the programme's progress towards its objectives, as well as reporting and taking action to fine-tune the programme so as to improve its performance. This process relies on a variety of monitoring and information sources, including this survey of those who follow and/or participate in policy debate at the EU or national levels in the policy areas concerned by the EaSI programme. This Internet-based survey has been designed to collect data on the performance of the programme and is executed on behalf of the Commission by an external contractor (Public Policy and Management Institute).

Additionally to the monitoring requirements, the EaSI programme is also subject to a mid-term evaluation to assess the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, coherence and European added value of the projects implemented under this programme, both against its objectives and the overarching social and employment goals. Your input is very important to capture information that are valuable not only for the evaluation of the programme but also for the future development of EaSI

You are kindly invited to contribute to the performance monitoring process by filling out an online questionnaire, which you can find at this [LINK](#) by 13 February, 2017.

We also kindly ask you to contribute to the mid-term evaluation survey under this [LINK](#) by 13 February, 2017.

Please note that it should take approximately 15 minutes to complete a questionnaire. Your responses to this survey are strictly confidential and will not be leaked to anyone.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this survey!

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